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Hajj Amin al Husayni has organized a group of fedayin in the Darj Daraj refugee camp near the Beirut International airport and was utilizing the services of former Syrian officers to train them. This operation was separate from the Palestinians trained and maintained by Minister of Interior for the Syrian Region Abd-al-Hamid Sarraj. Sarraj was reportedly disturbed over this development. He considered it an indication that Hajj Amin once again intended to take an active part in Arab affairs, and from Sarraj's standpoint Hajj Amin could only be viewed as an unwelcome competitor.

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TODAY'S LEBANESE PRESS & LATEST ARAB REPORTSRENEWED ATTACK ON HAJJ AMIN

Refugees

"The Palestine Arab Youth Association, a refugee group loyal to the UAR, in a manifesto published in Lebanon, accuses the traditional leaders of Palestine, mainly ex-mufti Hajj Amin Hussein and his Higher Executive Committee of impeding UAR efforts to organize Palestine Arab refugees for the "second round"

Beirut's AL KIFAH today prints the full text of a new manifesto issued by the "The Palestine Arab Youth Association in Lebanon" attacking Hajj Amin el Hussein and the Higher Executive Committee for Palestine. The manifesto says in part:-

UAR Efforts: "The Government of the UAR called to a meeting held in Cairo on May 5, 1959, a limited group of Palestinian leaders to prepare and organize the /new/ status for Palestinian refugees. This meeting was held in presence of official UAR representatives. The Higher Executive Committee was represented by three members -- Hajj Amin el Hussein, Mohamed Munif el Hussein and Ishaq Darwish el Hussein. The All-Palestine Government was represented by two others -- Ahmad Hilay (Pasha) and Sheikh Gabry el Abidy. There were also nine representatives from the Gaza sector, and five from the two provinces of the UAR."

The manifesto says purpose of the meeting was to appoint a Preparatory Committee. Suggestions put forth by the representatives of the UAR called for a series of moves to be carried out by the Palestinians. They were to ask the Arab League to ask Arab states in turn 1. To set up each one of them a special department to handle Arab refugee affairs; 2. To join in a general conference at higher level to coordinate the reorganization of the Palestine refugees.

Hussein's Obstructions: "It appeared from the very first minute that Hajj Amin el Hussein, who was speaking both in behalf of the Higher Executive Committee and of the All-Palestine Government, was opposed to the appointment of the aforesaid committee. He produced a memorandum in that respect, insisting that the Higher Executive Committee and the All-Palestine Government were the sole legal representatives of all Palestine and of all the Palestine refugees! Any new organization, he contended, had to be derived from those two organizations exclusively. He demanded instead that the Higher Executive Committee be enlarged and that the All-Palestine Government be supported financially

"At the same time, other members insisted that the proposed new organization would be a final step forward in preparation for the coming battle. It had nothing to do with jobs. It was the sole means of gathering all the refugees and of mobilising their capabilities for the battle. Hajj Amin and his companions would not change their former views."

The manifesto says that another meeting was held for the same purpose on May 18, 1959. Hajj Amin did not attend.

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None of the earlier members of the Higher Executive and of the All-Palestine Government as a matter of fact came to the meeting. They claimed they were too busy elsewhere, & delegated six other members to attend the meeting for them. These were Emile Ghouri, Mussa Abu'l Saud, Mohamed Bassam Hannoun, for the Higher Executive; Jamal Arafat, Mahmoud Hajm, Ziyad el Khateeb, for the Palestine Government. The new members adopted exactly the same stand as the former. The manifesto concluded:-

"Faith in the UAR": "That was the stand taken by the Higher Executive Committee at the meetings of the preparatory committee, at a time when the masses of the refugees in all lands and particularly in Lebanon were fully supporting, with enthusiasm and awakening, the revolutionary reorganization of the Palestine status. That is because the refugees have faith in the fact that this reorganization is a primary pre-requisite for victory, and because they have faith in the UAR as the leader of their struggle for the recovery of the usurped fatherland."

In conclusion the manifesto calls upon all refugees to support the new organization sponsored by the UAR, again because it is the point of departure for the recovery of Palestine and to turn away from deviationists, such as Hajj Amin and his group.